Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—These are not officiating posts at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—It is stated unfortunately officiating 1st grade Head Constable. In that acting arrangement you have posted a certain man. Does it create a lien for him for that post or similar post when one such occurs permanently for a longer period?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I have answered that point sufficiently. He is only put in charge of the Station. He is not posted as an officiating Inspector or acting Inspector, so that he has no claim for the Inspector's place.

Constables—Trichur Town Station—suspension of.

138. **Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty** *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether 4 constables of the Trichur Town Station were placed under suspension at the same time in the year 1112;

(b) the names and numbers of those constables;

(c) the charge under which they were suspended;

(d) whether any of them was dismissed; and if so, the name of the constable who was so dismissed?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—(a) Yes.

(b) P. Cs. Nos. 531 Velayudhan Nayar, 426 Hassan, 566 Mahammad Shah and 259 Govindan.

(c) For a charge of receiving stolen property from the accused in a House-breaking and theft case and for having allowed him to go.

(d) Yes; P. C. 259 Govindan.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, whether P. C. 259 Govindan was dismissed for the offence mentioned in (c)?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—That question is answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—I would like to know whether it is for that offence and for that offence alone? Will you please answer that?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—It has been answered that he has been dismissed for that offence.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know why his comrades—Velayudhan Nair, Hassan and Mahamad Shah were not dealt with in the same manner as Govindan was dealt with, viz. dismissal for the same offence?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Govindan was the youngest of the lot and the other three were older constables and if a young man starts life like that, I thought that he will shape himself as a menace to the society. He put in a petition immediately after that for a reconsideration. I have also told him that his petition will be considered at the end of the year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The point of my query has been misunderstood. I am not complaining against the dismissal of Govindan. Why did you not deal with the others—three in number—for the same offence in the same fashion as was dealt with to Govindan?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—I have answered that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—You have stated that it is the youth of Govindan that he was dismissed and that it is the older service of the others that they were not dismissed. Is that the policy of the Government?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—It is the policy of the department not to entertain people who are shaping very badly.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Did you think of giving him an opportunity for improving, being a young man and the offence being for siding with the thief just as the elder men who ought to know better?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—It is for this reason that I have asked him to put in a petition at the end of the year.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Was this house-breaking and theft booked and the offender punished?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Were the charges against these constables found to be true that they have received stolen property?

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Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—They were on their night patrol and they came across a man who had some money with him. They challenged him on the road and these constables received some money. Another Constable who was in the round arrested the accused and the accused gave the story that he was met by certain constables and that they received money from him and so this was found out. When that story came out they produced the money and gave a cock and bull story.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—That shows a clear case of receiving stolen property. May I know why they were not charged? If the protectors of public property—the so-called police people—happen to be the receivers of stolen property, is it not the duty of the Government to make them an example to others?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—For one thing, there was no clear evidence and secondly the departmental punishment was considered sufficient.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—The money was traced out. Is that not sufficient evidence?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—They gave a cock-and-bull story. There is no clear evidence.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—May I know what was the punishment which the Government gave?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Suspension for 4 or 5 months to the other 3.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—They are all restored to service?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is that the morale of the average policeman in the service?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Comissioner of Police).*—They have been punished.

Election—President—Kanimangalam Kodanur Group Court—particulars regarding.

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